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(a) The activities of the Center shall include:

- (1) Strategic planning;
- (2) Technical assistance;
- (3) State and local government coordination; and

(4) Facilitating the provision of train–the–trainer courses for the Sequential Intercept Model for completion in 2021 in partnership with the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, with the goal of training 50 individuals in the State as facilitators.

(b) The Center shall provide technical assistance to local governments for the purposes of:

- (1) Sharing best practices across jurisdictions;
- (2) Applying for grants to support work related to behavioral health, public safety, or criminal justice;
- (3) Facilitating the distribution of resources, technical assistance, and training in best practices related to behavioral health, public safety, or criminal justice; and
- (4) Facilitating local and regional Sequential Intercept Model Summits.

(c) The Center shall develop the following:

- (1) A statewide model for law enforcement–assisted diversion;
- (2) Recommendations for pretrial services;
- (3) Procedures for sharing deflection and diversion statistics between relevant State agencies;

(4) Recommendations for statewide implementation of law enforcement–assisted diversion programs; and

(5) A statewide model for community crisis intervention services other than law enforcement.

(d) (1) The Center shall host one State Sequential Intercept Model Summit each year for the purpose of sharing best practices across jurisdictions and tracking the progression of Maryland’s community health and public safety system.

(2) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Center apply to the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for grant funding to hold subsequent State Sequential Intercept Model Summits annually.

(e) The Center shall support county or regional Sequential Intercept Model mapping workshops and summarize results in reports that inform cross–agency planning and program development.

(f) The Center shall implement systems and policies that establish a regional approach to community health and public safety, including by:

(1) Facilitating multijurisdictional applications for federal behavioral health and criminal justice grants;

(2) Coordinating and connecting similar programs across multiple jurisdictions; and

(3) Assisting localities in broadening and formalizing county–level collaboration in behavioral health, public safety, and criminal justice.

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